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Committee Bill No. 757

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Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER CARETAKER RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June
2 30, 2008, the Commissioner of Social Services shall increase the
3 monthly cash assistance benefit amount, under the temporary family
4 assistance program, pursuant to section 17b-112 of the general statutes,
5 provided to a caretaker relative, as defined in said section 17b-112, on
6 behalf of a child, by thirty per cent over the standard for such
7 payments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Any caretaker
8 relative receiving temporary family assistance benefits from the
9 Department of Social Services for caring for more than one child shall
10 receive a rate increase, in accordance with the provisions of this
11 section, that is based on the aggregate temporary family assistance
12 benefit amount paid to such relative on June 30, 2007. For the fiscal
13 year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
14 commissioner shall increase the temporary family assistance benefit
15 amount to such caretaker relative on behalf of a child over that of the
16 previous fiscal year by the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer

17 price index for urban consumers.

18 (b) On and after July 1, 2007, a caretaker relative who makes an
 19 application with the Department of Social Services for temporary
 20 family assistance benefits and is determined eligible to receive such
 21 benefits on behalf of a child shall receive benefits at a rate that is
 22 determined in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

23 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
 24 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the
 25 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purposes of section 1 of this
 26 act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the monthly benefit amount grandparents and other caretaker relatives receive on behalf of children under the temporary family assistance program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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